

HONORING THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Scholarship Committee on their 20th Anniversary. The Committee has fulfilled its mission to honor the memory of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and kept his legacy alive by providing scholarships to deserving students.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Scholarship Committee was founded in 1987 by James Caldwell, Herb Champion and the late Tony Filmore. Their enthusiasm allowed them to be able to organize their first march in honor of Dr. King in January of 1988. Year after year, the event has been successful in bringing together the African-American community, as well as in promoting the values that Dr. King taught us all: respect, inclusion and dignity. Today, 16 members work tirelessly to put together a spectacular parade that has become a tradition in our congressional district.

In August of 1990, the members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Committee expanded their mission by creating a scholarship that would help outstanding students achieve their educational goals. Since then, twenty-four students have received yearly scholarships over four-year periods, recognizing the achievements of five college-bound high school seniors each year and giving them the opportunity for a better future.

Please join me in congratulating the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Scholarship Committee on their 20th Anniversary. I wish them continued success and hope they continue to instill the teachings of Dr. King in our youth who are the future of the 13th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN DANIEL FOLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Daniel Foley of Gladstone, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Daniel Foley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA HANS, NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES 2007 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary public service of Patricia Hans, who this weekend will be honored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanity as the 2007 Teacher of the Year.

Pat Hans is an American Studies teacher at Ridgewood High School, where she teaches an interdisciplinary program of history and literature. Using literature to understand historical events and history to enhance the literary experience, her classroom has been described as a place where "ideas explode into reality." Pat Hans draws on the rich cultural and historical resources of North Jersey to give her students a textured experience in learning.

In addition to teaching at Ridgewood High School, Pat Hans also teaches English Composition at Bergen Community College as an adjunct professor. A graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, with a Masters in English from my alma mater, Montclair State University, Pat Hans is a respected lecturer as well.

She has given presentations before the Bard College Institute for Writing and Thinking, the New Jersey Writing Alliance, the New Jersey Council for the Teachers of English, and the New Jersey Education Association. She has been bestowed a number of fellowships and awards for her work, including the Summer Institute Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Poetry Fellowship, and a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant. In both 2003 and 2004, she was named the Seton Hall Teacher Scholar.

Pat Hans demonstrates an ongoing love for history and literature and continues to deepen her own knowledge and understanding for the humanities. Her passion for learning is infectious and no one benefits from it more than the students who enter her classroom. She is a model teacher and an exemplary public servant. As her colleagues honor her this weekend, I join them in commending her for her commitment to excellence in education.

HONORING SARKIS SARABIAN AS THE 2007 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Sarkis Sarabian, president of Sarabian Farms in Sanger, California, for receiving the 2007 Agriculturist of the Year Award from the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. As a family farmer, who has lead his family's growing and shipping operations for many years, Sarkis is most deserving of this honor.

The roots of Sarabian Farms run deep in California's Central Valley. Since 1920 the

Sarabian family has actively participated in the farming operation specializing in peaches, plums and nectarines. Now in its fourth generation, Sarabian Farms is proof that multi-generational farming can continue to thrive as an outstanding enterprise for many years.

For ten years, Sarkis has worked with Asian growers in the Central Valley to help them develop quality control and marketing skills. He is a founding member of the Armenian Technology Group in Fresno and has worked on projects that included reviving the honey industry in Nagorno-Karabakh, a separatist region of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Sarabian, a licensed pest control advisor, has also worked as a soil conservationist and an agricultural consultant in countries that include Mexico, Chile, South Africa, Kenya, Moldova, Jordan, Venezuela and Morocco.

Sarkis Sarabian exemplifies great principle and integrity. He is a role model for all of us, especially our Valley's upcoming generation of agricultural professionals. It is with great pride that I congratulate him for receiving this distinguished award and for all that he does on behalf of the industry.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL BAILEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Bailey of Kansas City, Missouri. Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daniel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Bailey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1957 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. CRAMER. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the proud service of the United States Naval Academy's class of 1957.

One of the noteworthy benefits of serving as a Member of Congress is the opportunity to meet with and nominate some of our Nation's best and brightest students for an appointment to one of our Nation's five service academies. Founded in 1845, the United States Naval Academy is not only a training ground for our Nation's naval leaders, but also one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the country.